

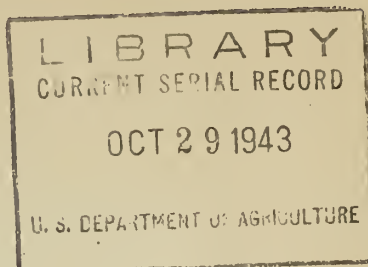
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FILE INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 8

To: Persons Concerned with Manpower Problems in Food Industries  
From: Raymond A. Ioanes, Acting Chief, Food Industries Labor Branch  
Subject: Recent Decisions of the Essential Activities Committee of the War Manpower Commission

This memorandum includes decisions of the Essential Activities Committee of interest to members of the War Food Administration. Regional and area offices of the War Manpower Commission have been or will be notified of these decisions and will transmit the information to local War Manpower Commission offices.

Activity and Occupation Bulletin No. 6, Processing of Food, was interpreted to include ice cream and the processing of honey.

Bulletin No. 7, Forestry, Logging, and Lumbering, will be revised to include "cutting of pulpwood" in Part II.

Bulletin No. 15, Production of Industrial and Agricultural Equipment, was interpreted to include the production of kerosene lamps and parts.

Bulletin No. 20, Production of Textiles, was interpreted to include the wool pulling process.

Bulletin No. 26-3, Transportation Services - Railroad, was to have added to it the "maintenance and repair of railroad equipment, buildings, right-of-way, and rolling stock." The Committee ruled that railroad car service: maintenance, repair, cleaning, heating, icing, and ventilating was intended to be included as essential.

Bulletin No. 26-5, Transportation Services - Truck, was interpreted to include under "trucking" all over-the-road trucking of essential commodities. The Committee also interpreted transportation services as embracing not only those rendered by a common carrier, but all similar service rendered by a private carrier engaged in an essential activity and contract carriers of essential commodities.

Bulletin No. 26-7, Transportation Services - Storage, was changed by the Committee from "Storage (dry, open and cold) of essential and perishable commodities" as found in Part II to "Storage (dry, open and cold) of essential perishable commodities."

Bulletin No. 27, Production of Materials for Packing and Shipping Products, was to have the following added to Part II:

- Butcher papers, treated and untreated
- Fruit and vegetable wrapping tissue
- Mandrel wound products
- Pattern tissue
- Rope and jute
- Twisting and spinning
- Wrapping - machine finished and machine glazed
- Steel strapping
- Stoneware (to be inserted under containers)
- Twine
- Mesh cloth and fabrics

Bulletin No. 31, Repair Services, was interpreted to include construction equipment, repair services; dairy processing and other food processing plants, maintenance and repair services. An addition was made to Part III of this Bulletin as follows: "Repair parts specialist (all around) automotive or agricultural machinery (this title covers men responsible for distribution of repair parts pursuant to Government regulations of wide variety of makes of equipment who exercise independent judgement and assume responsibility for the renewal, alteration or interchange of parts. It does not include stock clerks responsible for limited standard lines of parts or equipment)."

The Essential Activities Committee has interpreted that "feeding services in schools, child-care centers, hospitals, railroads, railroad depots, and in other essential enterprises are considered essential if the feeding services are an integral part of an essential activity." This means that feeding service in hotels is not considered essential since hotels have not been recognized as an essential enterprise while the feeding services in hospitals (which are listed as essential in Activity and Occupation Bulletin No. 32, Health and Welfare Services) are classed as essential to the war effort.

The Committee has also ruled that the item "pineapples" is to be added under fruits in Group I of Local Board Release No. 164 when that release is amended.

The Essential Activities Committee decided to continue to exclude the production of the following products or the rendering of the following services from the list of essential activities:

- Farm Credit Associations
- Milk market administration
- Control of predatory animals and injurious rodents other than those embraced in Government Services
- Reconditioning of containers
- Production of pretzels
- Distribution of parts for windmills (repair of windmills interpreted to be included in Bulletin No. 31)

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